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**Letter dated 20 December 2011 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1980 (2011) concerning Côte d'Ivoire. By paragraph 13 of the resolution, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Group of Experts until 30 April 2012 and requested me to take the necessary administrative measures.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consulting with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire, I have appointed Mr. Simon Gilbert, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (diamonds), to replace Ms. Omayra Bermúdez-Lugo, United States of America (diamonds), who resigned from the Group.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

